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In re application of: Bryan et al.

**DOCKET NO: P98,0775** 

Serial No: 08/856,846

**GROUP ART UNIT: 3738** 

Filed: May 15, 1997

EXAMINER: T. Nguyen

For:

"HUMAN SPINAL DISC PROSTHESIS"

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

■No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.



	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONA FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**	-0-	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**	-0-	( ) X 39.00 ( ) X 78.00	\$
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The state of the s			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$ 0.00	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated November 18,1999 for 3 months, so that the period for response is extended to February 18, 2000. Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$ 435.00 to cover the cost of the extension of time fee.

A check in the amount of \$ is attached.						
A check for \$ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached						
A check for \$ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.						
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credi						
any overpayment to account No. 08-2290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.						
When phoning regarding this application, please call (312) 876-0200 - Ext. 3249						

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being delivered as First Class Mail by the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 17, 2000.

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